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SUBJ: DEATH CASE - CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

REF: SEN HOLLINGS' COMMERCIAL CABLE JUNE 27 RECD JUNE 29.

1. SENATOR HOLLING' LETTER OF JUNE 6 HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.
2. ON JUNE 21, FIVE CERTIFIED COPIES OF REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED FOR JAMES GORDON HAGEN JR. AND CANCELLED PASSPORT OF DECEASED WERE SENT TO MR. WILLIAM CHANDLER OF 212 NORTH MAIN STREET, ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, WHO HAS BEEN ASSISTING MR. HAGEN SR. A COPY OF THAT LETTER WAS SENT TO MR. HAGEN.
3. SINCE THE DEATH CERTIFICATE FILED WITH THE CIVIL REGISTRAT'S OFFICE DID NOT CONTAIN THE CAUSE OF DEATH, PENDING COMPLETION OF AUTOPSY REPORT, THE REPORT OF DEATH COULD NOT BE PREPARED TO SHOW CAUSE OF DEATH UNTIL AUTOPSY REPORT IN FRENCH WAS RECEIVED ON JUNE 8. ONCE A TRANSLATION OF THE MEDICAL TERMS OF CAUSE OF DEATH WAS MADE THE REPORT OF DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ABROAD WAS PREPARED, SHOWING THAT MR. HAGEN DIED OF: CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY AND DILATATION, MASSIVE PULMONARY HEMORRHAGE, MASSIVE CONGESTION OF THE LIVER WITH BEGINNING CIRRHOSIS, AS CERTIFIED BY DR. VERGNIAUD PEAN, DR. SYLVIO CELESTIN AND
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DR. ROBERT GERMAIN.

4. AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE AFFIDAVIT OF NEXT OF KIN EXECUTED BY MR. HAGEN, SR., THE EMBASSY SENT HIM, BY LETTER JUNE 27, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 15 BANK OF AMERICA TRAVELERS CHECKS TOTALING \$300 AND THE UNUSED PORTION OF AN AIRLINE TICKET FOR REDEMPTION BY NATIONAL AIRLINES.

5. MR. HAGEN SR. WAS ALSO ASKED IN THAT LETTER WHAT DISPOSITION HE WISHED REGARDING USED WEARING APPAREL, A SUITCASE AND CLUB BAG WHICH WOULD REDUCE COST OF SHIPMENT. IF HE WISHED THOSE ITEMS AIR FREIGHTED ALONG WITH A CAMERA, WATCH, ELECTRIC RAZOR AND CIGARETTE LIGHTER, WE WOULD PROCEED WITH ASCERTAINING THE COST OF SHIPMENT, PACKAGING, ETC., AND LET HIM KNOW. MR. HAVEN WAS SENT A COPY OF THE INVENTORY OF EFFECTS OF HIS SON, THROUGH MR. CHANDLER.

6. WE AWAIT MR. HAGEN'S INSTRUCTIONS RE SHIPMENT, AND WILL PROCEED FROM THERE.

7. PLEASE EXPRESS TO MR. HAGEN OUR DEEP SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS OF HIS SON AND OUR REGRETS THAT THE REPORT OF DEATH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREPARED EARLIER.
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